

AN ACT

relating to high school diplomas for certain military veterans.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 28.0251, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, a school district may issue a high school diploma to a person who:

(1) is an honorably discharged member of the armed forces of the United States;

(2) was scheduled to graduate from high school;

(A) after 1940 and before 1975; or

(B) after 1989; and

(3) left ~~high~~ school after completing the sixth or a higher grade, before graduating from high school, [graduation] to serve in;

(A) World War II, the Korean War, [ex] the Vietnam War, the Persian Gulf War, the Iraq War, or the war in Afghanistan; or

(B) any other war formally declared by the United States, military engagement authorized by the United States Congress, military engagement authorized by a United Nations Security Council resolution and funded by the United States Congress, or conflict authorized by the president of the United States under the War Powers Resolution of 1973 (50 U.S.C. Section

Rec. 12/1/11
S.B. No. 966

1 1541 et seq.).

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

David Dewhurst
President of the Senate

Joe Straus
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 966 passed the Senate on
March 24, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Letsy Spain
Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 966 passed the House on
May 23, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 0, one
present not voting.

Robert Haney
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

17 JUN '11

Date

RICK PERRY
Governor

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
4pm O'CLOCK

JUN 17 2011

John R. Edwards
Secretary of State